



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

UENO et al

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For: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AN
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 6, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following paragraph:

~~An exhaust emission control system disclosed in Japanese Patent Unexamined~~
Application Hei. 9-324621 is known as a conventional exhaust emission control system of this type. This exhaust emission control system has an adsorbing device for adsorbing hydrocarbons which are unburned constituents. This adsorbing device is disposed downstream of a three-way catalyst in an exhaust pipe, and provided in the adsorbing device are two exhaust passages which branch from each other in the vicinity of an entrance and join together in the vicinity of an exit of the adsorbing device. An adsorbent material is provided in one of the exhaust passages (hereinafter, referred to as an "adsorbent material side passage") which is adapted to adsorb hydrocarbons and